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SUBJECT: FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY APPROVES RADICAL NEW ACTION PROGRAM

1. CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY (SKP)
APPROVED NOV 21, 1976 POLITICAL ACTION PROGRAM ENTITLED
"A DEMOCRATIC ROAD OUT OF THE CRISIS". THIS MESSAGE
SUMMARIZES DOCUMENT'S ESSENTIAL POINTS, DRAWING FROM
PROGRAM AS REPRINTED IN COMMUNIST PRESS. AN AIRGRAM
TRANSMITTING FULL TRANSLATION OF PROGRAM BEING POUCHED.
EMBASSY WILL ANALYZE DOCUMENT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS AT
LATER DATE. MAIN POINTS OF DUCUMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. FINLAND'S PROBLEMS ARE REFLECTIONS OF WORLD-WIDE
CIRSIS OF CAPITALISM. EVEN THOUGH SCIENCE AND TECH
MAKE IT POSSIBLE INCREASE PRODUCTION, CAPITALIST SYSTEM
UNABLE EVEN TO USE PRESENT PRODUCTION CAPACITY. DEVELOP-
MENT HAS BEEN UNBALANCED, TAX BURDEN HAS GROWN, AND TAX
MONEY USED TO SUPPORT BIG MONEY CIRCLES.

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3. ECONOMIC PROBLEMS HAVE LED TO DEEPENING POLITICAL

CRISIS AND CRISIS OF PARLIAMENTARISM IN FINLAND.
BUREAUCRACY INCREASING, CITIZENS' CHANCES TO INFLUENCE
DECISIONS LESSENING. REFORMIST (I.E. NON-COMMUNIST)
LABOR MOVEMENT HAS INTEGRATED INTO CAPITALIST SYSTEM.

4. SKP OPPOSES CAPITALISTS' AND POLITICIANS' CALL
FOR LOWERING OF CONSUMER DEMAND. TASKS FOR PROGRESSIVE
FORCES ARE TO SECURE FULL EMPLOYMENT, INCREASE CONSUMER
DEMAND, ENCOURAGE PRODUCTION COOPERATION AMONG SMALL
FARMERS, SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND OTHER LABO-
ORIENTED PRODUCTION, RESTRAIN INFLATION THROUGH PRICE
CONTROLS, RELIEVE CITIZEN TAX BURDEN AND INCREASE
COMPANY TAXES, REALIZE BASIC SOCIAL REFORMS, AND TO
RESTORE BALANCE IN FOREIGN TRADE BY QUANTITATIVE
RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE WITH WEST AND EXPANSION OF
COOPERATION WITH USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

5. REFORMS CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY BY WORKING PEOPLES'
STRUGGLE. INFLUENCE OF BANKS AND BIG CORPORATIONS
HAS INCREASED; OBLIGATIONS TO IMF ARE THREAT TO FINNISH
INDEPENDENCE. ONE HAS TO START TO LIMIT POWER OF BIG
COMPANIES AND COMMERCIAL BANKS. STRUGGLE INCLUDES
FOLLOWING CLASS OBJECTIVES: A) EXPANSION OF STATE-
CONTROLLED INDUSTRY AND DEMOCRATIZATION OF STATE
ENTERPRISES; B) NATIONALIZATION OF COMMERCIAL BANKS,
INSURANCE COMPANIES AND BIGGEST PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL
ENTERPRISES; C) BREAKING-UP OF FINLAND'S ECONOMIC AND
FOREIGN TRADE DEPENDENCE ON WEST.

6. ELECTION VICTORY OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY HAS STRENGTH-
ENED TREND TO "WASH THE FACE" OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY, WHICH
REMAINS NEVERTHELESS SERIOUS CHALLENGE TO LABOR MOVEMENT AND
WHICH IS IN CONFLICT WITH COUNTRY' OFFICIAL FOREIGN
POLICY AND ITS BASES, THE PARIS PEACE TREATY AND THE
FRIENDSHIP PACT.

7. PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED ONLY BY ALL DEMOCRATIC
FORCES WORKING TOGETHER UNDER LEADERSHIP OF LABOR
CLASS. COOPERATION BETWEEN LEFT AND CENTER MUST
BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE RIGHT. CURRENT PRESIDENT HAS
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SUPPORT; THE PROCESS OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION MUST
STRENGTHEN FINNISH-SOVIET RELATIONS.

8. AN EXIT FROM PRESENT CRISIS PRESUPPOSES STRENGTHEN-
ING OF COMMUNIST PARTY; ITS WORK MUST BE INTENSIFIED
BOTH INSIDE THE PARTY AS WELL AS OUTSIDE, AMONG
LARGE WORKING MASSES.

9. THE ABOVE ARE MAJOR POINTS IN NEW COMMUNIST ACTION
PROGRAM.
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